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## GOVERNOR JANET NAPOLITANO ENLISTS SUPERINTENDENT DR. SANDRA DOWLING AND HER STAFF TO HELP BRING LITERACY TO STUDENTS

(*Phoenix*) — In an effort to promote literacy, Governor Janet Napolitano, with the assistance of Maricopa County School Superintendent Dr. Sandra Dowling and her staff, successfully coordinated the distribution of books to first-grade students in Maricopa County. Approximately 45,000 books, more than one-half of the total number of books distributed in Arizona, went to the 50 school districts in Maricopa County that house first-grade students. Each student received the book, "This House Is Made of Mud" by Ken Buchanan, to take home with them. The book, written in both English and Spanish, offers children the opportunity to develop their reading skills and enjoy a good story simultaneously.